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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, 38 and 40 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, on FRIDAY, the 27th day of December, 1901, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1901.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th to 29th Instant, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 14, 1901. 2545

WILLIAM POWELL, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM Dividend of account of the year 1901-1902, at the rate of Fifty Cents per Share (or Five per cent. on the Capital of the Company) will be payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Hongkong, on and after the first JANUARY Next. Dividend Warrants will be posted to Shareholders.

The Register of Shares and Transfer BOOKS will be closed from SATURDAY, 28th December, until MONDAY, 6th January, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
R. G. HICKFORD,
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Hongkong, December 21, 1901. 2617

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It is anticipated that the Repairs will be completed and the Full Supply resumed within a few days.

The districts of Mongkok and Yau-mat are not included in the above Notice, as they are supplied from a separate source.

W. CHATHAM,
Water Authority.

Hongkong, December 13, 1901. 2541

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Firm of JAMES WHITEFIELD & Co known in Chinese by the name of TONG-CHONG, has changed hands. All DEBTORS and CREDITORS of the firm are requested to Communicate with the UNDERSIGNED as soon as possible, in order that there may be a proper Settlement of their Accounts.

J. MACGOWAN,
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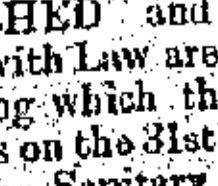
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By order of the Board.
G. A. WOODCOCK,
Secretary.

Sanitary Board Office.
1st December, 1901.

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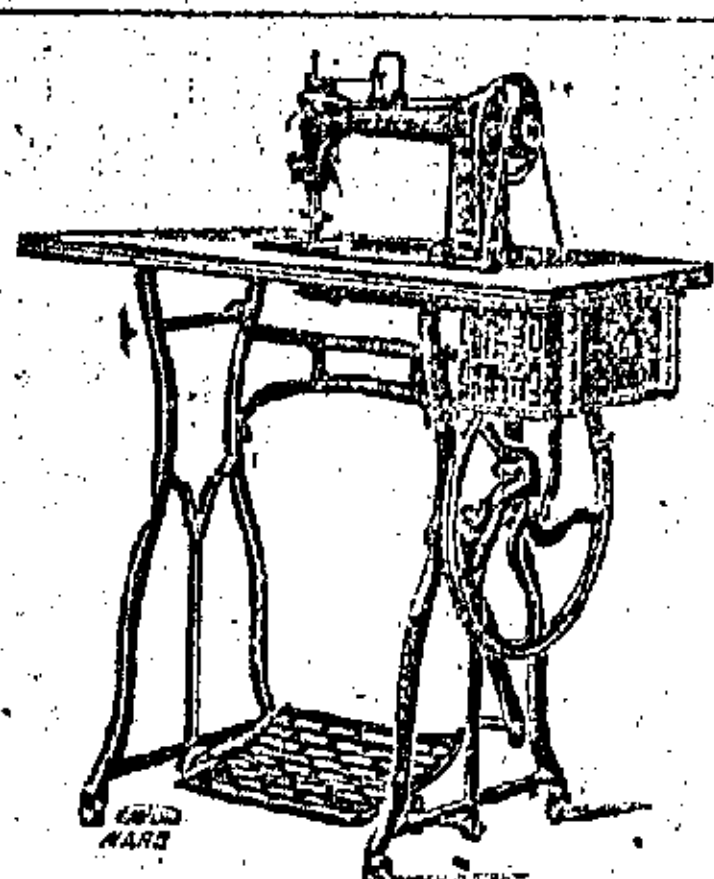
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What is happening at Garden Court?

Miss Fairfax raised herself a little from
her writing table and glanced out
of the window.

Oh, the holidays! Thank goodness!

They are going. And there is that de-
testable child swinging on the gate.

And she went back to her writing with
an expressive little sound of disdain.

Miss Fairfax disliked Garden Court.

In the first place, she said, she disliked
its name, as belonging to a house in the
Cathedral Close. It sounded common-
place and suburban. One of the canons,
a friend of Miss Fairfax and an en-
thusiastic archaeologist, was wont to ex-
plain to her that the name was an in-
teresting link with the past, for the house
in question stood on ground that had
once formed part of the garden of a con-
vent just outside the Close. But Canon
Spencer's efforts only gave Miss Fairfax
an opportunity of telling him that she
had not imagination enough to under-
stand his favourite hobby. In this she
did herself a great injustice. Miss Fair-
fax could understand anything she chose.
She had excellent brains, and somewhere
— plenty of imagination and sympathy.

Garden Court and number twenty-
seven, the Close, as Miss Fairfax curi-
ously styled her own dwelling, were two stone
houses side by side in Ledminster Cath-
edral Close. They were much raised
above the present level of the ground,
and each was approached by a flight of
stone steps which led to a courtyard.
These courtyards resembled nothing so
much as buried gardens. They were
paved with flagstones and the grey flat
space, occupying as it did the very place
of a front garden, suggested to a fan-
ciful mind that the real gardens must lie
buried somewhere beneath that grey-
ness. They were surrounded by iron
railings which perhaps helped to carry
out the fanciful idea. And the iron
railings alone divided one courtyard
from the other. So that they were,
save for that slight division, one.

The fact that she could thus see and
hear much that went on in Garden
Court lent additional vigour to Miss
Fairfax's strictures on its name. For
the strictures virtually included the
inmates of Garden Court. The house
was a girls' school, and Miss Fairfax
objected to girls—on principle, she
said. On what principle she did not
attempt to define. The girls knew,
understood, and returned the feeling.
They objected to Miss Fairfax—also on
principle. But their principle was
easily defined. Old maids were always
disagreeable persons. Miss Fairfax
was an old maid. The third term of
that argument was simple. 'Old maids'
to the girls meant probably every
woman over thirty.

This pleasant, mutual understanding
took visible form now and then in little
notes carried from one house to the other.

'Miss Fairfax's kind regards to Miss
Brown, and she will be much obliged if
the girls may make less noise in the
courtyard before going to the cathedral.'

Miss Fairfax was much disturbed yester-
day.

Miss Brown is very sorry, but she
was herself with the girls and had
noticed no unusual disturbance. She
will be glad if the boys may search
Miss Fairfax's area for some tennis
balls which have inadvertently lodged
there.

Inadvertently lodged there? was a
euphemism for the fact that one of the
girls had aimed them at Miss Fairfax's
Persian cat, sunning himself on an
oleander tub in the area and had re-
ceived suitable punishment for the same.

Truda Henton, the girl in question,
spent a good deal of time in receiving
suitable punishment. So warm-hearted
that she was the most loved and loving
of the whole tumultuous fifteen, she
was so inventive in mischief that it was
difficult for invention in punishment to
keep pace with her deserts. Sometimes
even Miss Brown could not help meeting
these same deserts with a smile and the
girl's only Truda, with which her school-
fellows condoned her offences towards
themselves. Truda was pretty, that is,
now, at twelve years old, she promised
to be pretty—with dark curly hair and
bright eyes.

Perhaps of all the girls it was Truda
who most cordially felt the principle on
which they all disliked Miss Fairfax.
It is difficult to say what first gave rise
to the feeling on either side. Possibly
a sort of instinctive dislike on the part
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And partly a quiet realisation by Truda
of the fact that Miss Fairfax disliked
her. On Miss Fairfax's side Truda was
simply the concentration of all she dis-
liked in her fifteen girl-neighbours. She
was always prominent amongst them,
and to Miss Fairfax she was always
'that detestable child.'

It was the nineteenth of December,
and the first snow of winter was be-
ginning to fall. The courtyard of Gar-
den Court was full of girls to whom
snow was as nothing—or rather it was
filled one moment and empty the next
as the girls rushed wildly back into the
house again in their excitement. It was
breaking-up day, and many of the girls
were going at the same time, so one
large omnibus was to take all these to
the station. For the arrival of this om-
nibus they continually rushed out to
watch. Miss Brown on these occasions
kept a sort of vigilant neutrality. She
had a clear memory of what the girls
supposed to be the immortal past,
in which she herself was a girl going
home for Christmas. Truda Henton
alone was not joining in the rush. She
was taking advantage of the truce of
the moment with Miss Brown to swing
happily on the gate—a pastime not
permitted, which lent it, naturally,
every zest. Her cheeks were flushed
with the cold air, and her curly hair
was blowing about under her garden
cap, the only part of her outdoor dress
she wore. Truda was not going with
the others, and she was partly char-
grined, partly triumphant. Chagrined
because she was to have no share in the
excitement of a train journey which
generally made all sober-minded fellow-
passengers frantic, triumphant because
she was to be fettered away two days
later by a brother who was coming home
from India.

'John's in the Civil Service,' Truda
was wont to say without much idea
what it meant, 'and now he has ended
his service, and he is coming home for
good and I shall live with him.'

Poor little Truda! The charm lay in
the last words. She had no other
relation in the world but this same
brother, who did not even bear her
name. John Beresford was her step-
brother—not that that accounted for
the difference of name, since they were
the children of the same father, and the
name of Beresford had come with some
money to the owner when he was
a boy of ten years old. Rather late
in life the father had married for
the second time, and his solitary
home had been much gladdened
by his young wife, and the birth
of their little girl. The little girl was
Truda. Three years later John Beres-
ford had come home from India on leave
to find that his young step-mother and
his father had both lost their lives in a
carriage accident the day before his
arrival. In his grief and loneliness the
still lonelier little sister appeared strongly
to him, and he devoted himself to her.
He was her only guardian. He found
a home for her with a distant connection,
a certain Mrs. Smith, and before he
went back to India he had himself
chosen a school for her when she should be
older. The school was Garden Court.
He was everything to her and she loved
him as few brothers are loved.

Since the day of his first leaving her
with Mrs. Smith—a day marked by an
exceeding sense of loss in the childish
heart—Truda's life had been marked
by two events—John's letters to her
and John's occasional home comings.
And now that the last of these was to
bring him home 'for good' Truda's joy
and excitement knew no bounds.

She was thinking happily of him when
the sudden sight and sound of the first
approaching omnibus made her start
upright on the gate.

'Girls!' she shrieked, and it was this
shriek which had made Miss Fairfax
look up from her writing table. 'Girls,
here's the omnibus. I see Taylor's hat.
He's close.'

Truda gave one last swing to her gate
and then descended happily into the
tumult her words had created.

II.

Miss Fairfax was in her dining-room.

It was the room from which she had
looked out at the girls. That was five
days before, and now it was Christmas
Eve.

There was perfect silence in Garden
Court. Even the gate did not creak.
It was rather creaky on its old hinges,
and more than one of the notes had
asked or rather hidden Miss Brown to
have it ciled.

But the perfect silence did not seem
to have brought so much satisfaction to
Miss Fairfax as might have been ex-
pected. At least the satisfaction was
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which she had just been choosing and directing.

But her chair was pushed back now, and she, hidden by the window curtain from any observer coming up to the door, was leaning back in it with one arm laid along the back making a rest for her head. It was a pretty head, and her hair was plentiful and wavy, and though its owner was forty-one its soft brown was not faded. Theodoras Fairfax had been a very pretty girl, and the complexion which had been one of her great charms, was still delicate and her grey eyes were bright. Just at this moment they were very soft.

Miss Fairfax had lived alone for eight years, and for the last five of those years she had been really alone in the world. She was the youngest of her family, and they were all gone—leaving her, curiously enough, without one single relation. All the pile of Christmas cards were to go to friends and acquaintances, and as she finished the last she had thrown down her pen while a crowd of remembrances seemed to fill the orderly dining-room in which she sat. Other Christmas Eves rose before her: she forgot her present surroundings, and she was back again in the old vicarage, where she had spent her girlhood. It was rosy and full for Christmas of laughing, happy girls and boys. Miss Fairfax's lips relaxed into a little tender smile as the sound of that long silent laughter went ringing through her brain. She heard herself called "Trudy" by her favourite brother. She saw her father, happy because everyone around him was happy, working hard at half-a-dozen things at once—church decorations, parish charities, choir practices, Her mother, delicate, quiet, but always doing something for one of them, rose before her. Her sister was there too in her memory picture. And her elder brother—but with him came another picture. Her brother's friend, home on leave from India and spending Christmas in the old vicarage with them for the first time—the picture of his face was clearer than any of the others. His words—spoken than any other sound to her brain—the words in which he had asked her to be his wife—the many happy-making words that had followed them. And then the quick angry words of her own in which jealousy had found an outlet—words in which she had told him to go; she would not share his heart. She heard his pleading humble protest—utterly disregarded. And his good-bye when he found his protest was disregarded. The pleading, humble words were so very clear to Miss Fairfax's brain now that they made her start up suddenly. Her own dining-room rose up before her again; its walls encircled her mentally as well as materially, and she laughed, a hard little laugh.

"How utterly foolish!" she said to herself, and forthwith she went up to dress to go out and do some shopping.

On coming back from the shopping she paused at the top of her own steps and glanced at Garden Court. She frequently found a subject for a note in these glances. But to-day her attention was attracted by a solitary face at one of the dining-room windows, a small white face. Miss Fairfax's eyes were very good, and she saw that not long ago it had been a fearful face too. It was Trudy Renton's. Miss Fairfax stood for a minute and then with a determined swish of her skirts, she went down her own steps again and up those belonging to Garden Court.

"Why has Miss Trudy not gone with the others?" she demanded of Miss Brown's house-maid when the door of Garden Court was opened to her. The maid was used to Miss Fairfax's ways and answered her with the same directness and no surprise.

"She was expecting her brother, ma'am, to fetch her, and he hasn't come. They've got scarlatina where she has her home, and Miss Brown's gone suddenly to a sister as she has ill, and so Miss Trudy's alone for her Christmas—quite alone, ma'am."

Miss Fairfax turned and went as abruptly as she had come. But the words rang in her ears.

All the evening she was difficult to please.

"Fractious, I call it," the parlourmaid confided to an audience of Miss Fairfax's own maid and the cook. "Nothing on the table wasn't right to-night."

"Cross is a word that suits better," responded the cook, "and her with all she can want in the world."

"Cepting company," said the elderly maid. She had known Miss Fairfax longer than the others, and knew her better too.

Miss Fairfax meanwhile was sitting before her drawing-room fire staring hard into the coals.

"Quite alone," she said to herself. "That detestable child and I. Both alone for Christmas Day. And—and the child isn't so used to it as I am."

She rose suddenly, and went to her writing table.

III.

And nothing has come from your brother but the telegram!

No. And the telegram only said—Detained. Please keep Trudy. I don't know what detained means except can't come. Only it doesn't seem quite so difficult to wait to-day as it did yesterday.

As she spoke Trudy gave her head a little shake of emphasis, and leaned back in the corner of a large armchair. The armchair was in Miss Fairfax's drawing-room, and the time was four o'clock on Christmas afternoon.

Trudy had read the note she found

by her solitary place at breakfast that morning with amazement. Could it be Miss Fairfax whom they all knew so well and disliked so much who was asking her to come and spend the day?

A certain awe and shyness came over Trudy. She ate her breakfast very quietly, and then took counsel with herself, and Elizabeth downstairs. Finding that they took it for granted she would go, she had slowly put on her best things, and had set off to the next house with an unusually meek demeanour and morose mental, increasing as she walked to the Minister beside Miss Fairfax, and had sat opposite to her at dinner in the strictly dining-room in a comparative silence born of the same awe, but now it was beginning to wear off. Trudy could not have told why. She did not know that something about Miss Fairfax herself dispelled it.

Miss Fairfax was sitting opposite on the other side of the fire. Between the two was a small table containing what Trudy described as "the most Christmas gaudies you ever saw—in French boxes." There were presents too. Miss Fairfax had given her a book, and a string of delicate Venetian beads. Both were well within reach of Trudy's hand. She could not be parted from her presents. Miss Fairfax smiled at Trudy's enphatic words.

"Doesn't it, Trudy?" she said; "I am glad."

Trudy looked at the smiling face opposite. "Miss Fairfax isn't like what we thought she was, a bit," she thought to herself wonderingly. "She isn't old—not a bit. I must tell all the girls."

"No truly, it isn't," she said aloud with an answering smile. "It's quite different. It isn't lonely, you see, with you to talk to. And we can talk about John—and oh, it is quite different!"

"Tell me about your brother. You are very fond of him?"

"Fond of John? Oh, I truly am fond of him. You see, I've got no one else. And he is so nice and dear. I don't want anyone else when I've got him. No one could be so nice as John is."

Trudy's brown eyes fairly glowed as she spoke, and Miss Fairfax was conscious of a certain envy—envy of the child because she had someone to love so devotedly, and envy of the unknown man because he possessed that whole-hearted childish love. The world seemed rather empty and cold to Miss Fairfax at that moment.

"And you see," went on Trudy, "I'm going to live with him. He hasn't any body to live with him but me. And he's going to choose a house. I'm to go on being at Garden Court till I'm older, of course—I'm twelve now—and then when I'm rather older I can always be at home with John."

There was a sort of happy triumph in the fresh voice, and Miss Fairfax felt old and sad. She would never be at home with anyone in this world now.

She pulled herself together hurriedly, however. The atmosphere of Christmas Day must not be made gloomy for the child by gloomy thoughts, she said to herself.

It would have been difficult to Miss Fairfax to realise that Trudy had been to her only two days earlier—that detestable child! The very act of doing a kindness had warmed Miss Fairfax's heart to her, to begin with, and the shy uncertainty as to her reception expressed in her guest's face on her arrival had touched Miss Fairfax with a great compassion, and caused her to put forth all her powers to charm it away. And in succeeding she had gone a long way towards loving the child.

"I am so glad," she said warmly. "It will be delightful for you, Trudy, to live with your brother. And you'll have to take care of him. A man always needs a woman to make the house nice for him, and that sort of thing, you know."

At that moment the Minister bell broke into her words.

"It's time to go to the carol-singing," Miss Fairfax exclaimed as she heard it. "Would you like to come, Trudy, or would you rather stay here? You shall do which you like."

But Trudy did not answer. She did not seem to have heard Miss Fairfax's question. She was leaning forward in the large chair listening eagerly.

"Miss Fairfax," she said. "I'm sure I heard something—some one come—downstairs—talking. I'm sure I did."

Trudy scrambled out of the chair without waiting for any response, and she was standing literally trembling with eagerness when the drawing-room door was opened an instant later by the maid.

"A gentleman to see Miss Trudy," she announced.

"Trudy! my little Trudy!" said a man's voice, and before the maid had shut the door again, Trudy had flung herself into the arms of a tall man, and the dark curly head and a grizzled one were very close together for a minute or two. Then the stranger disengaged himself with a smile.

"I do most heartily apologise," he began, and he moved towards Miss Fairfax. "I must explain—"

Then suddenly he stopped short in words and movement.

Miss Fairfax was standing very still, the colour going and coming fast in her face.

"Theo!" he said, in a low startled voice. "Why, Theo?"

They both forgot Trudy. But Trudy with a touch of delicate instinct, refused to give the girls any details of the next few moments, much as they pressed her for them. She never told them that Miss Fairfax stretched out both hands to John at his words, with a little cry, and that John took her into his arms. Nor that Miss Fairfax had said, could

John—Jack, she called him, to Trudy's amazement—could he ever forgive her? And that John had answered her with kisses. And that then Miss Fairfax had cried as Trudy never before knew that grown up people did cry—had cried until Trudy, half frightened, had crept away into the dusk of the distant window and stood there looking out at the Minister towers for a long time.

She was summoned thence by Miss Fairfax's voice—"quite a tiny voice," Trudy called it to herself.

"Trudy," it said, "come to me—to us." It shook still as it went on, while Miss Fairfax's arms drew Trudy very close—"dear little Trudy, will you have a sister as well as a brother? Will you have me for a sister?"

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FRIDAY, December 27:—
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The
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11 a.m.—Auction of Jewellery, &c., at
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Rooms.
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&c., at Mr Geo. P. Lamont's Sales
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Goods per *Regent* not cleared at 4 p.m.
this date subject to rent.
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date subject to rent.
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of Wm. Powell Co., Ltd., closed from
this date to the 6th January, both days
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MONDAY, January 6:—
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DEATH.

At Hankow on the 19th December, of
scarlet fever, ALBERT, eldest son of Mrs.
Menarini, of the I.M. Customs, in his 16th
year.

The publication of this issue commenced
at 5.10 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1901.

The Special Telegram which we publish
today indicates that Russia intends to
maintain her grip upon Manchuria.
To enable our readers to understand
aright the new political situation created
by Russia's demands, we reproduce be-
low the outline of the new Manchurian
Convention sent from Hankow on the
3rd November by Dr Morrison, *The*
Times correspondent.—

Article I. Russia, agrees to return Man-
churia to China, the country to remain on
the map of China as before the Russian
occupation and to be administered by
Chinese officials.

Article II. The agreement of August
27, 1899, with the Russo-Chinese Bank is
herby declared binding for ever, and the
protection of the Trans-Manchurian Rail-
way and Russian subjects is undertaken.
If no further rebellion occurs and action
on the part of the Powers does not inter-
fere, the Russian forces in Manchuria will
be gradually withdrawn as follows:—
Within 1901 from the four southern
sections of the Mukden province as far as
the Liao River, also the Shanhai-kwan-
Niu-chung Railway to be restored to
China. Within 1902 the remaining forces
in the Mukden province to be withdrawn.
Within 1903 the possibility of withdrawing
all forces in the other two provinces of
Kirin and Hei-lung-chiang will be in-
vestigated.

Article III. The military governors of
the three provinces shall in concert with
the Russian military authorities decide the
number of Chinese troops to garrison Man-
churia and the places where they are to be
stationed, and China shall not reinforce
them beyond such number or advance them
beyond such limits. Except in land
indicated as pertaining to the Trans-Man-
churian Railway administration, military
governors shall use solely Chinese
troops, infantry or cavalry, to serve as
police, but are forbidden to use artillery.

Article IV. The Shan-hai-kwan-Niu-
chung-Sin-min-tung Railway will be
restored to its original owners; but other
Powers may not send troops to protect the
railway which, with all the land surround-
ing it, shall be under the sole charge of
Chinese troops. The repair and upkeep
of the railway shall in every respect conform
to the provisions of the Russo-Chinese
Treaty and Railway Loan Agreement.
Without the permission of Russia no pro-
longation of the railway or the opening of
new branch lines shall be permitted in the
southern portion of Manchuria nor may the
Liao River bridge nor other terminus of
the railway be moved. The expenses in-
curred by Russia in repairing the Shan-hai-
kwan-Niu-chung-Sin-min-tung Railway and
the cost of maintenance must be repaid.
No mention is made in the foregoing to
mines, commercial, or other exclusive
privileges; therefore the provincial au-
thorities fear that other clauses exist which
the Grand Council is unwilling to disclose.

Whatever underlies the secret terms
of the new agreement, it is at least
evident that Russia is dictating her own
terms with regard to Manchuria. Not-
withstanding the declaration entered
into by the Powers when joint action
for the relief of Tientsin and Peking
was resolved upon that none of the
Powers would seek individual advan-
tages as the outcome of that action,
Russia has all along played the double
game, and she is now seeking to deprive
Great Britain of the right to protect
her subjects' interests in South Man-
churia where they have been the pre-
dominating commercial influence in the
past. For all we know, it may be an
advantage to foreign trade to have
Russian ascendancy in Manchuria in
place of Chinese; but few Englishmen
will be found to endorse this view.
The United States, borrowing the
watchword of the Englishman in China,
have demanded 'the open door' in all
territory belonging to China. This
may mean nothing, as the United States
are an uncertain factor in foreign poli-
tics; but Japan has intimated to China
that she will insist upon equivalent
privileges to Russia's, and we cannot
believe that the British Government is
so weak that it will see the interests of
its nationals sacrificed to Russian policy
in North China. We trust these in-
terests are not being overlooked by the
China Association and other bodies in-
terested in the maintenance of British
prestige in the Far East.

Bangkok Trade.
The *Bangkok Times* of the 10th inst.
says:—The *Wongkoi*, which left yesterday,
was three weeks in port owing to the
scarcity of cargo. The *Kongkai* and P. C.
Chom Kiao have both been in port the
same length of time, and for the same rea-
son, though the latter vessel cleared to-day.

HAD A GOOD TIME.
A. J. SNELL, wanted to attend a party,
but was afraid to do so on account of
pains in his stomach, which he feared would
grow worse. He says: "I was telling my trou-
bles to a lady friend, who said: 'Chamber-
lain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy'
will put you in condition for the party." I
bought a bottle and took pleasure in stating
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have a good time at the party." Mr. Snell
is a resident of Summer Hill, N. Y. U. S. A.
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JAMES said the minister to his head-
ache, "I have heard that part of the church
collections have been abstracted from the
press for several Sundays past." Ay,
replied the head, "I heard some clatter of
the kind." Well, you're aware, James,
that only you and I have access to the
press? That's perfectly true, sir, said
James, "and I think the best thing we can
do is for you to pay the waltz, and I'll pay
the other, and say nae mair about it."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-morrow being Christmas Day, there
will be no issue of the *China Mail*. We
take this opportunity of wishing our readers
A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Indo-China.

M. Duvernoy, the Governor-General of
Indo-China, arrived at Hanoi from Saigon
on the 17th inst. She travelled by the flag-
ship *Redoubtable* with Admiral Pottier, call-
ing in at Hué en route.

A Jump for Liberty.

Yesterday, Li Yan, a youth of twenty
years, was caught stealing goods on board
the S.S. *Maiden* from Hongkong, which was
lying in dock at Hungshom. Seeing he was
about to be arrested he sprang overboard
into the dock. He sustained injuries which
necessitated his removal to Hospital, where
he lies in police custody.

Russia in East Asia.

The Odessa correspondent of the
Standard writes:—The Russian War Office
has just entered into a contract with the
Volunteer Fleet Association for the trans-
port of twelve thousand troops from there
to Port Arthur, between November 1
(U.S.) and March 1 next. There is no
official announcement as yet of the return
of any portion of the Russian forces from
Manchuria in the early Spring. The
Manchurian Army is now being installed in
Winter quarters.

Architects to be Consulted.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board
yesterday, an amendment of Drainage Bye-
law No. 39 was submitted for consideration.
On the motion of Mr. E. Osborne, the
amendment was submitted to the leading
architects for their consideration and
opinions. He thought it would be as well
if all alterations of the law connected with
drainage of private premises were referred
to the architects before passing the Board,
and this would perhaps save a deal of
trouble in the end.

Have a bit of Your Feet.

A Chinese chiro-podist is going the
rounds soliciting business. Among the
testimonials he shows is the following from
a well-known public official, with an Irish
name, who seems to be tainted with a spark
of the humor of that "most distressful
country":—This is to certify that the
bearer "has cut my wife's and my own
corns, also in-growing toe nails, very
well indeed, and I can recommend him to
anyone who wants a bit taken off their feet."

The Crusade against Rats.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board
yesterday, it was agreed, on the recom-
mendation of Dr. Clark, the Medical Officer
of Health, that the authority of Govern-
ment be obtained for the employment of
fifteen rat-catchers for Kowloon. It was
also agreed on the recommendation of Dr.
Clark to advertise in the local English Press
to the effect that European house-holders,
whose houses are infested with rats, should
communicate with the Medical Officer of
Health, who will send rat-catchers to the
house and endeavour to rid it of the pest.

The Cleansing of the City.

The plague preventive measures
proceed apace, and now that the different
gangs are operating in full swing and the
Chinese householders are less obstruc-
tive, the work is being covered at a much
more rapid rate. During the fortnight end-
ed 21st December, the cleansing gang dealt
with 973 houses in the Eastern or Wanchai
District, as compared with 691 during the
previous fortnight. The number of floors
fumigated was 2007, and the number of
floors cleaned 2253. During the fortnight
ended 14th December, 2171 houses were
fumigated in the Western District of the
City, this being in the course of the
ordinary periodical clean-up instituted by
the Board some years ago.

Cricket.

There will be a cricket match on
Christmas Day and Boxing Day—Civilians
v. United Services. There will be a fifth in
the Cricket Club Pavilion at 12.30 p.m.
on Christmas Day, and the match will start
at 1.30 p.m. and will be continued on the
following day at 11 a.m. The following
are the teams:—

Civilians.—R. Hancock, P. A. Cox, J.
A. Woodgate, A. G. Ward, A. Mackenzie,
J. Hooper, J. E. Lee, W. E. Dixon, W.
H. Howard, H. Arthur, T. Sercombe Smith
(Capt.).

United Services.—Major Beresford Ash,
R. W. F. Major Dorrell, R. A., Capt.
Clapham, R. A., Mr. France-Hayhurst,
R. W. F., Mr. Fanshawe, R. A., Lieut.
Reinold, R. N., Mr. Franklin, R. N., Mr.
McKinlay, R. N., Mr. Broadbent, R. N.,
Mr. Shipman Digby, R. N., Lieut. Wood,
R. N. (Capt.).

MISTRESS: "Now, Bridget, there is one
thing I must insist upon. If you break any-
thing, I want you to come and tell me at
once." Bridget: "Sure, ma'am, I can't be
running for every minute of the day."

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his morning mail, "our boy's college educa-
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

News from the Philippines.
Numerous executions continue to take
place in the Philippines.

Ex-General Torres, of the insurgent
army, has been released from prison.

The natives of Laguna and Batangas
are fleeing from the American soldiers who
have gone to these provinces to avenge the
recent massacres.

There are at present 825 American
teachers in the Islands, and the reports
they send to headquarters show most
encouraging results.

The movement for the erection of a
monument for Rialles meeting with good
support, the latest figures to hand showing
that \$2054.10 had been collected.

A Merchants' Association is being
organised in Manila for the purpose of
advancing the civic and commercial inter-
ests of the City. It is open to all classes,
regardless of nationality, profession or
trade.

Chinese who have been absent from
the Islands prior to August 13, 1898, can-
not return, and those who have left since
that date and in future, shall be permitted
to land only upon the production of a cer-
tificate of the collector of customs of the
port of the Philippine Islands from which
they departed, issued at the time of their
departure. The period in which such legal
return can be made is limited to one and
a-half years.

The Landlip.

The accident at Hanghom yesterday
resulted in the death of Chan Fat Yau (56),
coolie, and severe injuries to Cheung Su
Chung (44), also a coolie, who was removed
to Hospital. Excavating operations were
going on behind the American Match
Factory, at Hanghom, as reported, the
earth being removed to make up the fore-
shore reclamation. Having nothing to rest
on, a large quantity of earth and stone fell
on the coolies engaged, with the result
mentioned.

Pick-Pocket Captured.

Another of those clever pick-pockets
who are so common in Hongkong got his
deserts this morning before Mr Kemp.
Standing up behind a Chinaman, he slit the
man's pouch open and bolted with the con-
tents, some 50 odd cents, into a crowded
lane among a lot of his compatriots. The
Chinaman was afraid to follow, but went
and told Indian Constable No. 788 of the
occurrence. After a hot chase, the Indian
effected the thief's capture, and the stolen
money was recovered. Sentence of impris-
onment, with hard labour, for six weeks
was passed.

Rugby Football.

A Rugby football match was played
yesterday afternoon between teams rep-
resenting the H.K.F.C. and H.M.S. *Ele-
phant*. The game was very hotly contested
from the start. The *Elephant's* three-
quarters played a sterling game, in strong
contrast to those of the Club, who were un-
able to stop the frequent onslaughts made in
the first period by the sailors. The Club
forwards played well together, but were
unfortunate in failing to break the duck,
especially in the second period, when they
did all the pressing, the final result of a
hard game, was H.M.S. *Elephant* 1 goal,
1 try; H.K.F.C. nil.

Cold Storage in the Philippines.

An Act has been passed by the Civil
Commission creating a Bureau of the cold
storage and ice plant, and providing the
method of conducting the plant, with the
personnel and salaries of the employees
therein. The Act provides for a superintendent,
who, if a civilian, shall receive a recom-
pense of \$3600 (gold) per annum,
or, if an army officer, \$5 a day besides his
salary as an army officer, with all trans-
portation. The office force and sales de-
partment shall have a staff of twenty em-
ployees; the engineering department of
seventy-three, the transportation of one
hundred and two, and for maintenance
and care of buildings, fifty-one employees.
The Superintendent, Disbursing Clerk, and
Cashier are each required to lodge large
sums as security. It is also provided that
cold storage and ice shall be provided for
the U. S. army in the Philippines, in ac-
cordance with contracts now existing, and
hereafter to be made, between the Insular
Government and the Commanding General,
and ice shall be furnished to officers, sol-
diers, and sailors of the U. S. army and
navy and to all civilian employees of the
government at the same price as shall be
fixed for furnishing ice to the army of the
United States, the Superintendent making
all necessary regulations, to be approved
by the Secretary of Finance and Justice,
for preventing the abuse of this privilege,
and guarding against its being availed of
by persons other than those entitled
thereto.

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TELEGRAMS.

["CHINA MAIL'S" SPECIAL SERVICE.]

PU CHUN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

A DISAPPOINTED PUPPET.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 24, 9.27 a.m.

It is reported from Kaifong that Pu
Chun, the discarded Heir Apparent of the
Emperor of China, attempted to commit
suicide there. The attempt was unsuccess-
ful.

RUSSIA AND MANCHURIA.

LI HUNG-CHANG'S LEGACY.

Reports from Peking point to the cen-
sation that the prospects of the modifica-
tions in China's favour of the Manchurian
agreement with Russia are of the slightest.
M. Lessar, the Russian Minister, insists
upon the whole of the conditions accepted
by the late Li Hung-chang. The Chinese
Commissioners (Prince Ching and Wang
Wen-shao) are anxious to gain time by
prolonging the negotiations; but are re-
ported to be unable to resist the demands
of the Russian Minister, because, appar-
ently, the other Powers are unable or un-
willing to interfere.

The Russian demands will probably be
accepted with a few minor modifications.
Russia promising to support China should
any complications arise in the immediate
future.

TRAGEDY ON GERMAN MAIL.

OFFICER COMMITS SUICIDE.

A Love Affair.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, Dec. 24, 3 p.m.

Whilst on the voyage from Penang to
Singapore, two assistant engineers on board
the outward-bound German mail steamer
Prinz Heinrich quarrelled over a
lady passenger. Both attempted to com-
mit suicide. One died, but the other re-
covered, and at the inquest to-day was
charged with culpable homicide. He will
be extradited and tried in Germany.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

AUSTRALIA.

Release of Captain of the

'Neckar.'

LONDON, 21st December, 1901.

The Captain of the N.D.L. steamer
Neckar, imprisoned at Freemantle for non-
payment of the fine imposed for contraven-
ing the new Australian Customs law, has
been released, the agents of the vessel
having given their bond for the payment of
the fine and costs.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Engagement with De Wet.

General Sir J. G. Durnell has had an
engagement with the Boers under De Wet
near Langberg. Fighting lasted for four
hours, the enemy being eventually driven
off.

The National Scouts.

Two hundred burghers of Standerton,
Southern Transvaal, have joined the
National Scouts.

THE FRENCH LOAN AGAINST

CHINA'S INDEMNITY.

LONDON, 22nd December, 1901.

The French loan against the security of
the Chinese indemnity has been covered
twenty-four times.

CHILI AND THE ARGENTINE

REPUBLIC.

The boundary dispute between Chili and
the Argentine Republic is expected to
result in war between the two countries.

The English Mail of the 23rd Novem-
ber was delivered in London on the 21st
December.

Professor Simpson, the medical expert,
is due here on the P. and O. steamer
Coromandel, on the 4th of January.

Smallpox.

One case of smallpox occurred in the
city of Victoria during the past week. This
was the only case of communicable disease.

The Coolie Commission.

We have received too late for publica-
tion in to-night's issue a copy of a long
letter addressed to the Colonial Secretary
by Mr. R. C. Wilcox asking what steps the
Government propose to take to give effect
to the recommendations of the Commission
which enquired into the question of private
chair and jinrikisha coolies, and Mr. Stewart
Lockhart's reply. The latter states that
"the Government is giving its careful con-
sideration to the Report of the Commission."
We hope the Government will avoid the
mistake of the too cautious which added
the egg.

ALLEGED MISCONDUCT OF A

MATE.

To-day, [Harry Gordon] Harbord, mate
of the s.s. *Vale of Doon*, a British barque,
was brought before a Marine Court at the
Harbour Master's Office, charged with
certain acts of misconduct. Hon. R.
Murray Ramsey, R. N., Harbour Master,
presided, and the other members of the
Court were Lieutenant Payne-Gallwey,
R. N., H. M. S. *Goliath*, W. E. G. Craven,
master of the British steamer *Indravelli*, and
R. F. Denmore, master of British barque
Ostera. The charge was brought by
Captain J. O. C. Peterson, master of the
Vale of Doon, and Mr. Morgan
Phillips, barrister-at-law, conducted
the prosecution on his behalf. Mr.
P. W. Goldring, of Messrs. Denison
and Hastings, represented the defendant.
The prosecuting Counsel stated that the
charges of disobedience of orders and
misconduct were brought as the result of
the voyage of the vessel from Hongkong to
Dorchester and back, the voyage out having
started on 17th September last. Two days
after leaving the defendant refused to take
the time for a sight for the Captain, and on
two subsequent occasions he also refused
and continuously spoke in a most dis-
respectful and violent way of the Captain.
On one occasion, he threatened the master
by putting his fist in the Captain's
face, and calling him "a son of a b—". His conduct tended to
cause insubordination among the crew.
The Captain also received from the de-
fendant a letter full of violent and threaten-
ing matter in which he said, "Sightlessly."
The class of officers who have never dare
to complain, but it is different with me. I
act up to the law and am not drunkard, and
cannot be bought for drink. I speak
French fluently in various dialects from
Negro French to pure French, and I object
to its use in a British vessel, where alone
English should be spoken. The letter then
contained a long statement to the effect
that, if French was used in cases like this,
it was used because the people using it
thought they were not being understood
and could say what they liked. He also in
this letter included a number of proverbs
for the Captain's benefit such as, "Evil
communications corrupt manners." Live

OUR CONTINENTAL CRITICS.

A French Journalistic Ornament.

A London telegram says:—Arthur Meyer, editor of the *Gazette*, the extreme Royalist newspaper of Paris, will probably challenge William Waldorf Astor to a duel, but there is little likelihood that such a challenge will receive any attention.

Meyer has been engaged by publications appearing in Mr Astor's London paper, the *Pall Mall Gazette*, in which the record of Meyer has been held up to the public in its most possible light. In one article the editor of the *Gazette* was referred to as 'the son of a man who published spongers in Paris.' The *Gazette* also declared that he started life as the valet of a chambermaid of a notorious woman who was portrayed by Zola in his novel, 'Nana.'

A poor start in life, commented the *Gazette*, but it is not Meyer's back. He is the honored guest of the best royal salons of the Faubourg St. Germain.

Meyer's record as a duellist also came into publicity in the series of articles in the *Gazette*. It was declared that he fought unfairly with Drumont, a journalist, selling his adversary's sword with his left hand, lunging forward with the right, and refused to fight further, breaking his sword.

Mr Astor has already disposed of any possible challenge from Meyer by the statement that Meyer is beyond the pale of the code of honor and open to insult from any one who may care to do so.

The author of the insult may refuse to fight on the ground that Meyer is not the sort of person with whom honorable men fight.

Meyer, therefore, has no reason to save newspaper articles against Astor, a series of which formed the real basis for the *Pall Mall Gazette*'s attacks.

THE CITY HALL, LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

The annual meeting of shareholders in and subscribers to the City Hall was held yesterday afternoon in the Ante-room. There was a small attendance. Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving presided, and after Mr T. B. L. Bowley, the Hon. Secretary, had submitted the report published in our issue of yesterday, said:—Gentlemen,—The report, which goes fully into the details of administration during the past year, I propose to consider as read. From a financial point of view the year was fairly satisfactory, although the general mourning consequent upon the lamented death of our late gracious Queen considerably interfered with the carrying forward of the work.

The substantial balance carried forward has since been realized for the purpose of repainting and redecorating the whole of the interior of the building, and of introducing electric light into the halls, staircases, and smaller rooms, so that the whole of the Ball Room Suite is now lit with one uniform illumination.

Electric plant for lighting the stage has been ordered and will shortly be fixed and, it is expected, will greatly add to the comfort of both performers and audience. At the height of the plague season in June last a case unfortunately occurred in the basement of the City Hall, and the whole building was closed for a month, during which period it was thoroughly fumigated and cleansed. Since then a large portion of the basement has been converted and all living rooms lime-washed. The increase of the population of the Colony showed itself in the crowded houses drawn by the Filipinos, the Dalles, and Brough companies, when the accommodation of the Theatre was taxed to the utmost extent.

The Committee has sustained a great loss in the retirement of the Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C., who took a great interest in the Library and was the originator of the scheme for opening it in the evenings, and who founded the 'Free Lending Collection' which is housed in the Library, and also is the only collection of books in Hongkong available free to every person, the only condition being the obtaining of a guarantee from a resident householder. That these arrangements were appreciated is shown by the fact that over 20,000 persons made use of the Library during the 12 months under review, and the current year promises a large increase on those numbers.

Regard to the contributions of newspapers and periodicals to the Library, and gifts of standard books to the Lending Collection are urgently needed and will be gratefully received by the Secretary. Mr Pollock, generously contributed a donation of \$300 in aid of the Library on his departure, and I may say that similar donations will always be very welcome. The Museum suffers from lack of space and absence of scientific supervision, but the fact that it attracts over 110,000 visitors a year shows the need for such institution. Offers of specimens of all sorts are solicited by the Committee. A great improvement in the lighting of the Museum has been effected by the glazing of the doors on the South side, which were formerly of solid wood.

I desire to express on behalf of the members of the Committee their appreciation of the active interest taken in this Institution by our Secretary and Librarian, Mr Bowley, whose exertions have contributed much to the present satisfactory position. The Committee do not for the present aim at making a profit out of the City Hall, the shareholders of which have never received a dividend; their object is to administer the trust reposed in them in the interests of the Colony at large, and for the benefit of the community generally, and they hope that the report and accounts now laid before the meeting will be accepted in that spirit. (Applause.) I beg to move the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr B. Layton, the Hon. Treasurer, seconded, and the motion was agreed to. 'This was all the business.'

The days of mythological beliefs have gone. This is an era of vigorous materialism. The darkness of ignorance and superstition is giving way to the penetrating light of modern science—the revelation of facts. Modern science has discovered that the best medicinal cod liver oil, in its analysis, may be separated into two distinct parts—one the purified oil, the other, a mass of certain semi-solid substances, known as extractives. The oil is not materially different from other fixed oils and has little or no medicinal value. On the other hand, the extractives are peculiarly active, and the consumption cannot be avoided that to the presence of these active principles cod liver oil owes its reputation. No other oil has such constituents. The extractives hold the same relation to cod liver oil that quinine sustains to crude cinchona bark. They are the curative essence of cod liver oil. When taken as they may be freed from the vile, unnecessary oil, their curative value is greatly increased, for they are not hampered by the presence of the noxious fat. Upon this scientific fact.

Stearns' Wine of Cod Liver Oil is based. It represents all the curative properties of the best cod liver oil in a vinous preparation. It also contains the best form of iron, making it also an ideal tonic. Wholesale from A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong.

REVIEW.

STEPHEN KYRIE. By Katherine Andrews. Unwin's Colonial Library, New Set, No. 111. London: T. Fisher Unwin, 1901.

This is an extremely powerful story of Melbourne in the early fifties and late sixties. The rush to the gold-diggings, in the first feverish days of discovery, is described with great cleverness, and no little show of literary skill. The closing chapters are a tremendous indictment of the heartless cruelty and diabolical barbarity of useless prison labour, in which punishment rather than ultimate reform is blindly pursued, and in which solitary confinement, dark cells, a minimum of food, air and light, and all the other dreary mischievous concomitants of prison discipline, inevitably tend to brutalize human beings, and to develop and foster rather than to dwarf and eradicate criminal instincts. Mrs Andrews has a future as a novelist. Her present book, dedicated to the men and women of Great Britain, will be greedily devoured by all lovers of wholesome fiction.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

The Royal Quarrel in Holland.

Calcutta, December 6.—The London correspondent of the *Englishman*, telegraphing on the 5th inst., states that there is such uncertainty as to the real facts of the scandal at the Court of Queen Wilhelmina. The story of the duels is doubtful; but it is certain that lately there has been considerable domestic unhappiness, which is attributed to the Prince's insatiable love of hunting and to his antipathy to Dutch people, which feeling is reciprocated by them, the Prince being much disliked on account of his being an ex-Prussian officer.

It has also been stated that the Queen refused to sign the Prussian gaming debts. It is now reported that reconciliation has been effected between Queen Wilhelmina and Prince Henry, who yesterday drove out together.

New Director of Naval Construction.

London, December 5.—Mr Philip Watts, F.R.S., Naval Architect and Director of the War Shipbuilding Department of W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth and Co., succeeds Sir William White as Director of Naval Construction.

The King's Colonials.

Dec. 7.—The Prince of Wales has been gazetted honorary Colonel of the King's Colonials, a new Yeomanry Regiment composed of Colonials resident in London and the district, and to be divided into four squadrons, representing Australasia, British Asia, Africa and America.

Raising More Volunteers in England.

Calcutta, Dec. 7.—The London correspondent of the *Englishman*, telegraphing on the evening of the 5th inst., states that, with the view of providing reinforcements for South Africa, the Government has decided to raise an additional 10,000 Volunteers. A movement is on foot to raise a new force of Volunteers on the lines of the City Imperial Volunteers, the force to consist of 5,000 men. This will set free a large number of veterans now guarding communications.

A Peaceful Prosperous South Africa.

December 7.—A proclamation issued at Pretoria providing for the resumption of money order business, and raising the prohibition on dealing in stocks and shares, is a further indication of the restoration of normal conditions.

December 3.—Lord Kitchener reports that, since the 20th ult., 32 Boers have been killed, 18 wounded, and 236 made prisoners, besides 14 surrenders.

December 6.—The official returns state that the British casualties in November were—18 officers and 143 rank and file killed, and 46 officers and 389 men wounded.

The total deaths since the beginning of the war amount to 18,348, including 823 officers.

It is stated that recent successes against the Boers are the outcome of new tactics of temporary advanced bases from which Mounted Infantry make sudden dashes, unhampered by transport.

The German Budget.

December 7.—The German Budget shows a deficit of thirty-five million marks.

December 6.—The Eastern Telegraph Company and Sir Danvers Pender last night, Mr St. John Brodick and Lord Hardwicke were present. Lord Hardwicke said that the Government of India was determined to secure a reduction in cable rates to India.

Smart Fighting in Nigeria.

One column of the expedition against the warlike tribes of Aros, in Nigeria, encountered a sharp resistance on the 2nd inst., and had 17 casualties. Captain lies was wounded.

Bishop Welldon's Resignation.

December 3.—At a meeting of the East India Association, last evening, Sir Lepel Griffin strongly disapproved of Bishop Welldon's desire to introduce religious education in India, and denied that Christianity could give a higher ethical creed than that of the great religions of the world.

December 6.—The King has appointed Bishop Welldon a Canon of Westminster, on his resignation of the Calcutta See.

Calcutta, December 6.—The London correspondent of the *Indian Daily News*, telegraphing on the 4th inst., states that, owing to continued ill-health, Bishop Welldon is obliged to resign the See of Calcutta; but his future plans are undecided. The strong desire of Australians to secure him for a Colonial Bishopric, may eventually result in his going to Melbourne.

Sheriffs of Madras and Calcutta.

Calcutta, December 5.—Mr Henry Beauchamp, Editor of the *Madras Mail*, has been appointed Sheriff of Madras. Mr Ramsay has been appointed Sheriff of Calcutta.

Accident at Calcutta Races.

December 8.—The first extra meeting of the Calcutta Races yesterday was poor all round. In the first event, the hurdle race, there was a chapter of accidents. Relativ fell heavily and rose no more. Wilcox, the jockey, escaped with a severe shaking. At the next hurdle, Economy dashed into the rails, and its owner was thrown and so severely injured that he had to be removed to the hospital.

I have great pleasure in recommending 'Stearns' Wine of Cod Liver Oil' as I consider it one of the best tonics I have taken.

Yours truly,
E. Robinson.

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Race Meeting 1902.

The following is the programme for next year's Race Meeting:—

FIRST DAY.—WEDNESDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY.

The WONG-NEI-CHONG STAKES: A sweepstakes of \$5 each with \$300 added; second to receive \$100 from the stakes; open to all Hongkong subscription water griffins of this season, 1901-1902; weight for inches as per scale. Half-a-mile.

The VALLEY STAKES: A sweepstakes of \$10 each with \$300 added; second to receive \$100 from the stakes; open to all Hongkong subscription water griffins of this season, 1901-1902; weight for inches as per scale. Half-a-mile.

The MAIDEN STAKES: A sweepstakes of \$750; second \$150; third \$50; open to all Hongkong subscription water griffins of this season, 1901-1902; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners at this meeting 5 lbs. Extra; entrance \$10. Three-quarters of a mile.

The 'VICTORIA' STAKES: winner to receive \$500; second \$150; third \$50; open to all China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; bonus fide griffins on 1st February, 1902, and subscription griffins of Fochow 1901 and Amoy 1902 meetings, allowed 7 lbs.; entrance \$10. One mile.

The HONGKONG DEBUT: A sweepstakes of \$20 each with \$150 added (half forfeit if declared on or before day of closing entries); winner to receive 70 per cent.; second 20 per cent.; third 10 per cent.; open to all Hongkong subscription water griffins of this season, 1901-1902; weight for inches as per scale. One mile and a half.

The HONGKONG CLUB CUP: presented by the Club; winner to receive \$100; open to all Hongkong subscription water griffins of this season, 1901-1902; weight for inches as per scale. One mile and a half.

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The LUCHANO CUP: presented by the members of the Club Lusitano; second to receive the entrance fees; open to all subscription water griffins of this season, 1901-1902; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners 5 lbs. extra; entrance \$10. One mile.

The CHINESE CLUB CUP: presented; second to receive the entrance fees; for China ponies bona fide griffins on 1st February, 1902; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners 5 lbs. extra; entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

THE ENCOURAGEMENT STAKES: a sweepstakes of \$5 each with \$300 added; winner to receive 70 per cent.; second 20 per cent.; third 10 per cent.; open to all Hongkong subscription water griffins of this season, 1901-1902; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners at this meeting 5 lbs. extra; entrance \$10. Three-quarters of a mile.

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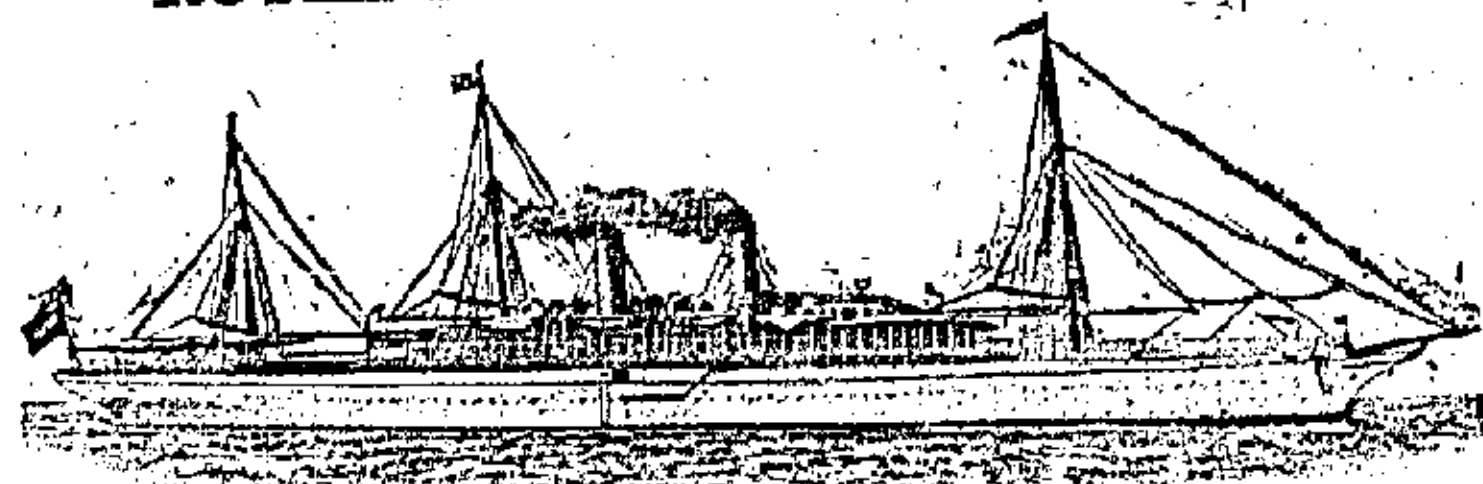
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EMPEROR OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. MARSHALL, R.N.R. WEDNESDAY, 12th Feb./1902
ATHENIAN, 3882 Tons...Comdr. H. MORAY, R.N.R. WEDNESDAY, 26th Feb./1902
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THE magnificent TWIN-SCREW STEAMSHIPS of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the TRANS-AMERICAN TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, of which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

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THE Company's Well-known Steamship

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SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

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S.S. Schwaben, 13th January, 1902 Freight.
FOR HAVRE, BREMEN AND HAMBURG.
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S.S. Sambia, 28th January, 1902 Freight.
FOR HAVRE AND HAMBURG.
CALLING AT SINGAPORE AND COLOMBO.
S.S. Austria, 12th February, 1902 Freight.
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S.S. O. Ferd. Loebe, 26th February, 1902 Freight.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Steamers	Destinations	Sailing Dates
KUMANO MARU, E. W. HASWELL	SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	THURSDAY, 2nd Jan., at 4 p.m.
WAKASA MARU, J. B. MACMILLAN	MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	FRIDAY, 27th Dec., at Daylight.
IYO MARU	VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE, U.S.A., via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	MONDAY, 30th Dec., at 4 p.m.
HIROSHIMA MARU, T. MORI	KOBE (Direct.)	TUESDAY, 31st Dec., at Noon.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

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Hongkong, December 24, 1901.

Shipping.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.
STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Steamers	Sailing Dates
KONIG ALBERT...	WEDNESDAY, 26th December.
PRINZESS IRENE...	WEDNESDAY, 8th Jan., 1902.
PRINZ HEINRICH...	WEDNESDAY, 22nd January.
PREUSSEN...	WEDNESDAY, 5th February.
HAMBURG...	WEDNESDAY, 19th February.
SAGISEN...	WEDNESDAY, 5th March.
KLAUSCHOU...	WEDNESDAY, 19th March.
BAVERN...	WEDNESDAY, 2nd April.
STUTTGART...	WEDNESDAY, 16th April.
KONIG ALBERT...	WEDNESDAY, 30th April.
PRINZESS IRENE...	WEDNESDAY, 14th May.
PRINZ HEINRICH...	WEDNESDAY, 28th May.
PREUSSEN...	WEDNESDAY, 11th June.
HAMBURG...	WEDNESDAY, 25th June.

* Steamers of the Hamburg Amerika Linie.
+ Calling at Amsterdam.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 26th day of December, 1901, at 4 p.m., the Steamship KONIG ALBERT, of the Norddeutscher Lloyd, Captain C. BOLAND, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.
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Via Shanghai, Inland Sea of Japan, Kobe and Yokohama.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA

IN CONNECTION WITH

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

Steamer	Tons	Captain	Proposed Sailing
Victoria	3502	J. Pantou	December 27
Olympia	3837	J. Truchbridge	Jan. 11, 1902
Clontarf	3750	F. Frakes	Feb. 7, 1902
Clontarf	3821	S. Cox	Feb. 22, 1902

THE attention of passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and to the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG TO LONDON, £52.

Excellent accommodation. First class Table. Doctor and STEWARDESSE carried. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the First-Class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

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The best route to the Klamath Gold Fields. Frequent sailings from VICTORIA, TACOMA to DYER and ST. MICHAEL.

Rates of Passage to other ports on application.
Special rates allowed to members of Government Service.
For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to

Dodwell & Co., Limited, General Agents.

Hongkong, December 24, 1901. 422

CHINA NAVIGATION CO.,
LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMER	TO SAIL
MANILA	SUNSHINE	28th December.
MANILA	CHINCHU	16th January.
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.	CHINCHU	16th January.

* The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by these Steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

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Hongkong, December 23, 1901.

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OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMER	LEAVING
ANPING, via SWATOW AND AMOY.	MAIDZURU MARU, T. SATO.	WEDNESDAY, 23rd December.
TAMUJI, via SWATOW AND AMOY.	DAIGI MARU, T. KITANO.	SUNDAY, 29th December.
FOOCHOW, via SWATOW AND AMOY.	ANPING MARU, K. SUZUKI.	WEDNESDAY, 1st January, 1902.

The Co.'s new Steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and Formosa, and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided for 1st class passengers, and a duly qualified Doctor is carried.

All Steamers carry the Imperial Japanese Mail, subject to periodical inspection by the Government Marine Surveyors, and are registered the highest class at Lloyd's.

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OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA.

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The MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,

AGENTS.

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OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL.	MENNON	3rd January, 1902.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL.	DOESBURG	8th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL.	TASTATUS	18th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL.	AXAX	22nd January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL.	PERIBUS	31st January.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON	GLACUS	20th December.
LONDON	DEUCALION	7th January, 1902.
LIVERPOOL DIRECT.	PAIROBUS	20th January, 1902.
(Taking Cargo at London Rates.)	PEBUS	21st January, 1902.
LONDON	STINTOR	4th February, 1902.
(Taking Cargo at London Rates.)	TANTANUS	15th February, 1902.
LONDON	AXAX	18th February, 1902.
LONDON	AXAX	4th March, 1902.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents, O. S. S. Co.

Hongkong, December 24, 1901.

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Shipping.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

WILL dispatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATES

named	STEAMSHIP	CAPTAIN	DATE
LONDON	Jawa	G. W. GORDON, R.N.R.	Near, 28th Dec.
YMA via SHAI,			
MOJI & KOBE	Shanghai	E. SPEER, R.N.R.	About 30th Dec.
SHANGHAI	Coverland	F. W. VIBERT, R.N.R.	About 24th Jan.

PASSENGER SEASON 1902.

MARSEILLES, PLYMOUTH AND LON-1 Oriental...6284 Tons...20th March.
DON Direct without Transshipment...Jatta...6664...12th April.

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P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, December 21, 1901. 979

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL
STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE
ATOHESON TOPEKA AND SANTA FE
RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM
HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO, AND
SAN FRANCISCO VIA INLAND SEA
OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to JAPAN
PORTS, and HONOLULU, THE
UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CEN-
TRAL and SOUTH AMERICA, Etc.

These...About 26th Dec.

THE Steamship These will be des-
patched for SAN DIEGO, and SAN
FRANCISCO, via HAKODATE, MOJI,
KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU,
on or about 26th December.
Through Bills of Lading issued to any
point in the United States.
Cargo will be received on board until 5
p.m. the day previous to Sailing. Parcel
Packages will be received at the Office until
the same time. All Parcels should be
marked to address in full. Value of same
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destined to Ports beyond San Diego,
should be sent to the Company's Office,
addressed to the Collector of Customs, San
Diego.

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Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents,
HONGKONG, CHINA & JAPAN.

Hongkong, December 17, 1901. 2601

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship
YUENSANG,
Captain ROPE, will be despatched as
above on FRIDAY, the 27th Inst., at 4
p.m.

This Steamer has superior Accommoda-
tion for First-class Passengers, is fitted
throughout with Electric Light, and carries
doctor.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
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Hongkong, December 21, 1901. 2602

SHEWAN TOMES & Co.'s NEW YORK
LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship ASAMA,

Capt. BEMENT, on or about 31st Dec., 1901.

For Freight apply to

SHEWAN TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, December 23, 1901. 2609

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMSHIPS.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

GLENFARG,

Capt. DONALDSON, will be despatched as

above on THURSDAY, the 2nd January,

1902, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage apply to

MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW.

Hongkong, December 23, 1901. 2629

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Screw Steamship

KUMANO MARU

4,700 tons gross, Captain E. Wilson

HASWELL, will be despatched for the above

port on THURSDAY, the 2nd January,

at 4 p.m.

The new Mail Steamer is specially con-
structed for service in the Tropics, and is
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sengers. Electric Light and Refrigerator.
Doctor and Stewardsess carried.

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Manager.

Hongkong, December 23, 1901. 2631

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GATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, RANGOON,

COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT

SAID, ROME & TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through Rates to the

SEAS, to SOUTH AFRICA, RED SEA,

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PORTS.)

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MARIA VALERIE,

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This Steamer has Capital Accommoda-
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A Doctor is carried.

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Freight, apply to

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Agents.

Hongkong, December 23

Vessels Advertised as Loading

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Australian Ports	Airie (s)	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Jan. 9, at noon.
Aden, Port of Calcutta	Koenig Albert (s)	Melchers & Co.	Dec. 25, at 4 p.m.
Aden, Bremen, &c.	Nuernberg (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	Jan. 4.
A Liverpool	Patroclus	Butterfield & Swire	Jan. 20.
A London	Doncaulion (s)	Butterfield & Swire	January 7.
A London	Pelous (s)	Butterfield & Swire	January 21.
A London	Iam (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Dec. 26, at noon.
A London	Stuator (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Feb. 4.
A London	Glascus (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Dec. 26.
A London, &c.	Valctia (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 4, at noon.
A London v. Suez Canal	Glenfarg (s)	McGregor Bros. & Gow	Jan. 2, at noon.
A Manila	Sungkiang (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Dec. 28.
A Manila v. Amoy	Tyungshun (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Dec. 27, at 4 p.m.
A Manila, London, &c.	Wakata Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 27, daylight.
A Manila, London, &c.	Yarra (s)	Messageries Maritimes	Dec. 30, at 1 p.m.
A New York v. Suez Canal	Asama (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	About Dec. 31.
A Port (Or) v. Japan	Indravelli (s)	Portland & Asiatic S. Co.	Dec. 26.
A Francisco v. Japan	Thyrus (s)	Butterfield & Swire	About Dec. 26.
A Seattle, via Japan	Iyo Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 30, at 4 p.m.
A Shanghai	Longonora (s)	Stimson & Co.	Dec. 27, daylight.
A Hongkong, Peking, &c.	Calcution (s)	Messageries Maritimes	Dec. 31.
A Hongkong, Peking, &c.	Marin Valérie (s)	Sander, Wieler & Co.	Jan. 16, p.m.
A Hongkong, Peking, &c.	Laisang (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Dec. 30, noon.
A Hongkong, Amoy & Ningpo	Maidaura Maru	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha	Dec. 30.
A Hongkong, Amoy & Tamsui	Daigi Maru (s)	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha	Dec. 29.
A Hongkong, Amoy & Tamsui	Hailong (s)	Douglas Espruit & Co.	Dec. 27, daylight.
A Hongkong, Amoy & Melbourne	Kanama Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 2, at 4 p.
A Hongkong, Amoy & Melbourne	Imperial of China (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	Jan. 15.
A Hongkong, B.C., &c.	Victoria (s)	Dowdell & Co., Limited	Dec. 27.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

DECEMBER 24, 1901.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Closing Quotations, Cash.
BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	80,000	\$ 125	all	\$820
Bank of China & Japan, Limited				London, £82.10
" " " ordinary	199,875	£	8 ½	4 ½
" " " deferred	1,850	£	1 ½	1 Nom.
National Bank of China, Limited	19,975	£	10	8 3/4, sellers
" " " " "	29,955	£	8	8 3/4, sellers
Do. Founders' shares	750	£	1 ½	1 3/4, sellers
MARINE INSURANCES.				

China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.....	24,000	£	83.33	25	£83, sales
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.....	5,000	£	100	25	£180 buyers
Sze Hai Insurance Co., Ltd.....	50,000	£	100	23	£00
Union Insurance Society, Ltd.....	10,000	£	100	25	£100 buyers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.....	8,000	£	100	60	£130, sellers
FIRE INSURANCE.					
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.....	20,000	£	150	20	£37, buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.....	8,000	£	250	50	£365, sales
DOCKS, ETC.					
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.,	60,000	£	50	all	£290, sales
Ge. Fenwick & Co., Limited.....	6,000	£	25	25	£15, sellers
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.....	6,000	£	63	43	£27, buyers
S. C. Farnham, Boyd & Co., Ltd.....	55,700	£	100	100	£233, buyers
SPERM-OILS, TUGS, ETC.					
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ltd. . . .	6,000	£	50	50	£81, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited.....	14,000	£	60	50	£0
H. K. C. and M. Steamship Co., Ltd.	80,000	£	10	all	£47
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	60,000	£	15	15	£86, buyers
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	60,000	£	10	all	£145
China Mutual S. N. Co.	20,000	£	10	£10	£70
			£7.10		£7.10

Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	10,000	5	10	10	\$34, sellers
Shanghai Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	1,000,000	10	10	10	\$30, sellers
Shan Hai Steamship Co., Ltd.	1,000,000	10	10	10	\$29 1/2, sellers
Luku Tung and Lighter	1,000	10	10	10	\$175, sales
Shanghai Cargo Boat Co., Ltd.	2,000	10	10	10	\$175, sales
Co-operative Cargo Boat Co., Ltd.	1,000	10	10	10	\$137 1/2, sellers
China Sugar Company, Limited.	20,000	5	100	all	\$183, buyers
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited.	7,000	5	100	all	\$80, buyers
Persk Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd.	7,000	5	10	50	\$77 1/2, buyers
H. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	30,000	5	50	all	\$84, sellers
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co.	15,100	5	100	all	\$92 1/2, sales
LAND AND BUILDING.					
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited.	50,000	5	100	100	\$105, sellers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	28,000	5	10	50	\$101, buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited.	6,000	5	5	20	\$34, sellers
Oversea-Chinese Building Co., Ltd.	3,000	10	25	25	\$90, buyers
Humphreys Estate & Finance Co., Ltd.	100,000	5	10	all	\$14, sellers

TRANSACTIONS.					
H.K. High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	1,250	\$	100	alt	\$200, buyers
MINING.					
Yatoh Mining & Trading Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$	5	alt	\$4, sellers
New Nanyang Mining Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$	10	alt	\$5, buyers
Preference shares.	20,000	\$	1	alt	\$1.25, sellers
Société Française des Charbon- nages du Tonkin.	16,000	Fcs.	250	alt	\$375, buyers
Queen's Mine, Limited.	400,000		25 cents	25 cts.	4 cents
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	220,000	£	4	5/8	\$10, sellers
Oliver's Freehold Mines, Ltd.	115,000	\$	5	5/4	None.
HOTELS, ETC.					
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	12,000	\$	50	alt	\$135, sales
Oriental Hotel, Manila.	7,000	\$	50	50	\$85
Astor House Hotel Ltd. (Hantsin).	2,000	£	75	60	\$115
REFRIGERATORS.					
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.	60,000	\$	10	alt	\$152
Watkins Limited	10,000	\$	10	\$	10
LIGHTING.					
H.K. and China Gas Co., Limited.	7,000	£	10	alt	\$140, buyers

New Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	30,000	\$	10	\$	10	\$35, sellers
New Industries (Investment) Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$	10	\$	5	\$34, sellers
BRICK AND CEMENT						
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$	10	\$	10	\$22, sellers
MISCELLANEOUS						
Manila Investment Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$	50	\$	50	\$45, sellers
Bells Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ltd.	10,000	£	1	£	15	\$1.10
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	8,000 order 100 orders	\$	10	\$	4	\$84, buyers
Gongchang Bakery Company, Ltd.	600	\$	10	\$	5	\$50
Hk. Steam Water-boat Co., Ltd.	7,000	\$	10	\$	7	\$8, buyers
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.	10,000	\$	75		all	\$11
Gongchang Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$	20		all	\$11
Shanghai Woollens Co., Ltd.	7,200	£	2		all	\$3.0, sales
Tekong Planting Company, Ltd.	20,000	\$	5		5	\$1
H'kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$	50		all	\$175, sales
H'kong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	120,000	\$	100	\$	100	\$124, sales
Wing Wo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	17,500	Ths.	100	Ths	100	\$124, sales
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Ths.	100	Ths	100	\$124, sales

and Weaving Co. Ltd.	5,000	125	100	100	125	100	100
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	2,000	Tls.	500	Tls	100	Tls.	250
Tsahong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	7,500	Tls.	100	Tls	100	Tls.	1
China Provident Loan Mortgage Co., Ltd.	50,000	£	20	£	10	£	75
China Borneo Company, Ltd.	7,500	£	20	£	15	£	88
Universal Trading Co.	20,000	£	20	£	20	£	\$304, buyers
Robinson Piano Co. Ltd.	3,200	£	50	£	50	£	\$50, Nom.
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limit ed	1,200	£	10	all			\$21, buyers
Wan Poon & Co., Limited	—						\$24, sales
CHINA COMPANIES							
Philippine Tobacco Trust Co., Ltd.	20,000	£	50	£	50	£	\$25, sales
Alhambra Limited.	200	£	5	£	500	£	\$500, Nom.
LOANS.							
	Amount.	Value.	Interest.				Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1886	£ 787,300	Tls.	250 7/8 % p. annum	10 %			prem.

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